**The Final Word Protocol**

Useful for short reads, when there is a need for your group to learn from examining research and written materials together.

* Everyone reads the review silently with pen in hand, highlighting and taking notes, then identifies the most significant idea, in their opinion, addressed in the review. (5-10 minutes)
* Sharing Round One (four minutes)

1. One member of the group shares his or her significant idea (a sentence or a passage) but does not elaborate on it.

2. The other participants each have one minute to respond. They can agree or disagree, offer examples, raise a question, contribute details, or otherwise share their thoughts. No one else talks, until it is their turn to respond.

3. Once everyone has responded, the first person who shared has ‘the last word’ by responding and summarizing what she has heard and learned.

* Repeat until everyone has shared and had ‘the last word’.

(12 minutes, four minutes per person)